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HOUSE BILL 235

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD
STAMP ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED; CREATING THE
SIMPLIFIED TARGETED ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM; ENACTING A SECTION OF
THE NMSA 1978; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act,
Section 27-2-10.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

"27-2-10.1. [NEW MATERIAL] SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD STAMP
ASSISTANCE-- QUALIFICATIONS AND BENEFITS-- ELDERLY AND DISABLED--
SIMPLIFIED TARGETED ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM --

A. Subject to the availability of state funds,
supplemental food stamp benefits shall be provided pursuant to
the "simplified targeted eligibility program" for the elderly
and disabled by the income support division of the department.

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1 B. Supplemental food stamp benefits shall be
2 provided to or on behalf of households in which all members:

3 (1) are age sixty years or older or are
4 disabled;

5 (2) reside in a one- or two-person household
6 in which all members receive supplemental security income or
7 old age, survivors and disability insurance or a combination of
8 the two; and

9 (3) are otherwise qualified to receive federal
10 food stamp benefits.

11 C. The supplemental benefit shall increase an
12 eligible household's total monthly food stamp allotment to a
13 minimum of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month in food stamp
14 benefits.

15 D. The department may by rule limit the amount of
16 supplemental benefit that is made to eligible elderly or
17 disabled recipients. "

18 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--One million three hundred
19 thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) is appropriated from the general
20 fund to the human services department for expenditure in fiscal
21 year 2006 to provide supplemental food stamp benefits for the
22 elderly and disabled pursuant to the simplified targeted
23 eligibility program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
24 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the
25 general fund.

